

NEWARK Eagles
7:48 - 7th - '48"

Dear Mrs. Monely,

I know your more than surprised probably a little in doubt just who this might be writing. Well if you'll check your past records it'll recall the month of June 1941 several Rookies were sent to you for a tryout. I at that time had been making an effort to man a position with Golden's All-Stars - at this time Oscar Charleston was their mgr. well they had decided to send from the Philly's, Balmo, the catcher at that time to the Homestead Grays and myself being a rookie and young as many of the Eagles were during that summer, Charleston sent me to your ball club. However Bill McDuffie, Grays hurler during '41" drove me to Jersey and reported me to the club on 126 Spruce St. I hadn't been given much of a chance or tryout if you'll remember due to some misunderstanding
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of my being an infielder, Rapp
 Dixon had referred to Charleston as an
 excellent "Catcher" I was constantly mastering
 and studying the tricks of the game exhibited
 the "Zepper Bassett" style of Catching.

Well it so happened, Buzzy Marfy, mgr.
 of Eagles gave little attention to my being
 there, before I could get settled they
 decided to send me back up the road
 to small town Ball playing. Naturally quite
 disgusting but just a Ball players off season
 I thought. I'm merely going so into detail
 to present in your memory my being there;
 also in the future Mrs. Manely you might
 be able to give me a second try when
 I return to the state of which I hope is
 soon. During the summer of '42 in Bangor,
 Maine Dick Seay formerly of Yankees you
 remember Buddy Mitchell formerly of
 the Pittsburgh Hoboes and I played with
 the Best team that is the Camp Ball Club
 1241 were white with our being exception.

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Mrs. Manely give my regards to Mr. Al
Manely, also if the boys are still around
Oint Larel, Beeson, Irwin, Matthews, and
Thompson, that is if the boys haven't
entered service. I'll never forget my
first opportunity dress with the Eagles at
the Stadium. I felt as if ~~were~~ perma-
nently a professional ball player well
since ~~I've~~ served Uncle Sam I played
quite well so the fans of Maine, Mass.,
and Conn. say; also while overseas
here I've had little chance to in-
dulse in a little ball from time to
time I'm able to stay in condition.

I'm having a little trouble with
an injury received this summer I hope
doesn't interfere with my future in-
tentions, Tell Mrs. Manely here
hoping this letter find you and family
well and happy wishing sincerely this
season may better all that of last year.

Yours in Sports
Leonard (J.F.) Strawther